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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION AND IMPORT OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and per quintal price of various oilseeds in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of edible oil imported into the country during the said period;

(c) whether the prices of oilseeds have registered a continuous fall during this period;

(d) if so, whether the lifting of QRS has resulted in the fall of prices;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of steps taken by the Government to restrict the import of oilseeds in the interest of farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The details of production and prices of important oilseeds during the last three years are given at Annexure.

(b): The import of Edible Oils into the country during the last three years is given below:

(Lakh Tonnes)

YEAR	Import of Edible Oils
1999-2000	41.96
2000-2001	41.77
2001-2002	42.14

(c) to (e): The Annual Average of month end wholesale prices of oilseeds show an upward trend during the period under consideration. The trends in prices of individual oilseeds are given in the Annexure. As will be seen from the Annexure there has been a steady increase in prices of oilseeds during the last three years.

(f): The import of Oilseeds is not taking place mainly on account of phyto sanitary conditions.

ANNEXURE

Production in Lakh Tonnes

OILSEEDS	99-2000	2000-01	2001-2002
Groundnut	52.58	64.08	68.65
Rapeseed & Mustard	57.88	41.87	50.40
Sesamum seed	04.80	5.18	7.30
Safflower seed	2.60	2.02	2.26
Sunflower seed	6.94	6.46	7.26
Niger seed	1.48	1.13	1.35
Soyabean	70.81	52.76	58.57
Copra	7.23	9.52	NA

Cotton seed 39.20 32.48 34.40

NA: Not Available

Annual Average of Month-end Wholesale Prices in Rs. per Quintal

COMMODITY	CENTRE	2001	2002	2003
Groundnut with shell	Rajkot (Gujarat)	1218	1508	1985
Rapeseed & Mustard	Kanpur (U.P)	1250	1394	1553
Sesamum seed	Hyderabad (AP)	1526	1777	2230
Safflower seed	Jalna (Maharashtra)	1182	1350	1600
Sunflower seed	Khamgaon (Maharashtra)	1314	1554	1648
Niger seed	Ranchi (Jharkhand)	1459	1470	1950
Soyabean	Dewas (MP)	998	1275	1345
Copra	Kozhikode (Kerala)	2335	3179	4100
Cotton seed	Rohtak (Haryana)	1044	1036	1100